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### TODAY'S NEWS

#### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

**SAN DIEGO UNION TRIBUNE - Rising housing costs make apartments unaffordable for many - by Stephen Ohlemacher //** WASHINGTON – The cost of rental housing has increased faster than wages, making it increasingly difficult for low-income families to afford even modest apartments, according to a report released Tuesday. ...

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/business/20051213-1000-housingcosts.html>

#### **NATIONAL LOW INCOME HOUSING COALITION – OUT OF REACH 2005**

Press Release: <http://www.nlihc.org/press/121305pr.html>

Despite the emphasis on homeownership and the marginalization of renters, renter households still make up fully one-third of the households in the United States – nearly 36 million households. Out of Reach is a side-by-side comparison of wages and rents in every county, Metropolitan Area (MSAs/HMFAs), combined nonmetropolitan area and state in the United States...

Report: <http://www.nlihc.org/orr2005/>

**SANTA CRUZ SENTINEL - City loan will go to upgrading transitional homes - by Daniel Lopez //** The walls have mold and the floors are bare. But in about three months, they will be transformed into five single-family homes. And with some work, the lives of the families who move in also will get a fresh start. ...

<http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/archive/2005/December/13/local/stories/05local.htm>

#### **HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

**OAKLAND TRIBUNE - Builders reach for the sky in downtown: Planning Commission approves two 22-story apartment buildings near Lake Merritt - by Cecily Burt //** OAKLAND — After years of low-rise residential construction, Oakland's push for higher density building downtown is finally paying off. A practically giddy Planning Commission last week approved plans for two 22-story apartment ... [http://insidebayarea.com/oaklandtribune/localnews/ci\\_3304733](http://insidebayarea.com/oaklandtribune/localnews/ci_3304733)

## **LAND USE / PLANNING**

**SAN DIEGO UNION TRIBUNE - Coastal Commission sued over sea wall fees – by Angela Lau // SOLANA BEACH** – A group of beachfront condominium owners sued the California Coastal Commission yesterday in an attempt to squelch its effort to charge homeowners fees for building sea walls. ...  
[http://www.signonsandiego.com/uniontrib/20051213/news\\_1m13wall.html](http://www.signonsandiego.com/uniontrib/20051213/news_1m13wall.html)

## **REAL ESTATE**

**NORTH COUNTY TIMES - Detached home prices up 14 percent from year ago – by Bradley J. Fikes // NORTH COUNTY** ---- Defying warnings that a real estate bubble is about to deflate, the median price of existing single-family homes in North County rose significantly in November. The North County median reached \$644,899 in November, up 14 percent from a year ago ...  
<http://www.nctimes.com/articles/2005/12/13/business/news/121105203144.txt>

## **ECONOMY / EMPLOYMENT**

**CALIFORNIA BUDGET PROJECT // December 2005 // REPORT: The Rising Tide Left Some Boats Behind: Boom, Bust and Beyond in the San Francisco Bay Area** // A new report shows that while wages rose substantially for many San Francisco Bay Area workers during the economic boom of the late 1990s, they stayed flat for the region's low-wage workers. These findings stand in contrast to the conventional wisdom that a "rising tide lifts all boats."  
Report: [http://www.cbp.org/2005/0511\\_bareport.pdf](http://www.cbp.org/2005/0511_bareport.pdf)

**SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS - Lowest-paid workers failed by tech boom - by Mark Schwanhausser** // Although the high-tech boom helped make the Bay Area one of the wealthiest regions in the nation, its "rising tide" failed to lift the boats of low-wage workers as much as others, a study released Monday says.  
<http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/business/13395795.htm>

**SACRAMENTO BEE: Study: Wage gap grew in Bay Area - by Jocelyn Wiener** // The gap between the haves and have-nots widened more quickly in the Bay Area than elsewhere in the state during the past quarter century, and especially during the dot-com boom of the late 1990s ...  
<http://www.sacbee.com/content/news/story/13974169p-14808106c.html>

**SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE - Wage gap widens in state: Bay Area pay is higher, but top end made greater gains – by Tom Abate** // Wage earners in the Bay Area are paid about 25 percent more than workers elsewhere in California, but the advantages are not evenly spread, according to a report set for release today. ... <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2005/12/13/BUG5UG6VT61.DTL>

## **HOMELESSNESS**

### **SACRAMENTO BEE - EDITORIAL: Housing first - A good homeless plan //**

You've seen him and others like him on Sacramento's streets: the drunk, mentally ill homeless man screaming obscenities. But if the sight is common, appropriate reactions are elusive.

<http://www.sacbee.com/content/opinion/story/13974141p-14808085c.html>

## **DEMOGRAPHICS**

### **LOS ANGELES DAILY NEWS - Immigration population hits new high -**

**California top entrance state - by Lisa Friedman //** WASHINGTON - The number of immigrants in the United States reached a new high this year after the biggest five-year increase in American history, said a study released Monday by the Center for Immigration Studies. ... [http://www2.dailynews.com/news/ci\\_3303409](http://www2.dailynews.com/news/ci_3303409)

## **REDEVELOPMENT / INFILL**

### **LOS ANGELES TIMES – OPINION // Hands off my yard, Mr. Mayor! - By Joel**

**Kotkin //** ...Despite the conventional wisdom, L.A.'s multi-polarity — it has no one distinctive center — was created intentionally. In 1908, L.A. created the nation's first comprehensive urban zoning ordinance, encouraging the development of sub-centers, single-family homes and dispersed industrial development. ... <http://www.latimes.com/news/printedition/opinion/la-oe-kotkin13dec13.1.2952891.story>

## **NATIONAL HOUSING NEWS**

### **U.S. DEPT. OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT – News Release: 12/13/05**

**HUD, HHS ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT AIMED AT PROTECTING HUD RENTAL HOUSING RESOURCES //** WASHINGTON - U.S. Housing and Urban Development Assistant Secretary Orlando Cabrera and Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary Wade Horn commemorated the signing of an interagency agreement today that will protect billions of dollars in rental assistance housing funds. ...

<http://www.hud.gov/news/release.cfm?content=pr05-167.cfm>

## **GOVERNMENT SITES:**

### **California Dept. of Finance – Governor's Budget**

[http://www.dof.ca.gov/HTML/BUD\\_DOCS/Bud\\_link.htm](http://www.dof.ca.gov/HTML/BUD_DOCS/Bud_link.htm)

### **California Dept. of Housing & Community Development - Press Releases**

<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/news/release/>

### **California Dept. of Housing & Community Development – Housing Policy Development Bibliographies**

<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/biblio.html>

**California Dept. of Housing & Community Development – HCD Web News**

<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/news/clips.html>

**Today's Focus at HUD** [HTTP://WWW.HUD.GOV/focus/focus.html](http://WWW.HUD.GOV/focus/focus.html)

**The United States General Accounting Office-GAO Reports**

<http://www.gao.gov/audit.htm>

**Federal Register, Today's Table of Contents**

[http://www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/aces/fr-cont.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/fr-cont.html)

**Federal Register, Year 2005 Recent Table of Contents**

[http://www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/fedreg/frcont05.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont05.html)

**U.S. Census Bureau – News Releases**

<http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/>

**U.S. Census 2000** <http://www.census.gov/dmd/www/2khome.htm>

**California Supreme Court Decisions /**

**California Courts of Appeal Decisions (last 100 days are posted in full text)**

<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/opinions/>

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